

May 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President had a video teleconference with Cuban dissident Martha Beatriz Roque Cabello, former Cuban political prisoner Jorge Luis Garcia Perez, and Berta Soler Fernandez, wife of Cuban political prisoner Angel Moya Acosta.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cynthia L. Bauerly, Caroline C. Hunter, and Donald McGahn to be members of the Federal Election Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Troy A. Paredes to be a Commissioner on the Securities and Exchange Commission.

May 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 5715, the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008. Then, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a briefing with Secretary of Agriculture Edward T. Schafer and Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Nancy Montanez Johner on food aid programs.

May 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on March 20 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donetta Davidson and Rosemary E. Rodriguez to be members of the Election Assistance Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas D. Cairns as Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities: James M. Boles;

Stephanie Preshong Brown; Olegario D. Cantos VII; Eric Lee Cole; Berthy De La Rosa-Aponte; William J. Edwards; MaryMargaret Sharp-Pucci; Linda Hampton Starnes; Dallas Rob Sweezy; William E. Tienken; Eric Todd Treat; Charles Weis; and Mary Ellen Zeppuhar.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission of Fine Arts: Diana Balmori; Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk; Earl A. Powell III; and Witold Rybczynski.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas Richard Barker as Acting General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to designate Steven C. Rhatigan as Chair of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

May 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from April 9–28.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on April 28 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 6

Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011, vice Robert D. Lenhard.

Caroline C. Hunter,
of Florida, to be a member of the Federal
Election Commission for a term expiring
April 30, 2013, vice Michael E. Toner, re-
signed.

Donald F. McGahn,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member
of the Federal Election Commission for a
term expiring April 30, 2009, vice David M.
Mason, term expired.

Troy A. Paredes,
of Missouri, to be a member of the Securities
and Exchange Commission for a term expir-
ing June 5, 2013, vice Paul S. Atkins, re-
signed.

Withdrawn May 6

Robert J. Battista,
of Michigan, to be a member of the National
Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years
expiring December 16, 2009, vice Dennis P.
Walsh, which was sent to the Senate on Janu-
ary 25, 2008.

Robert D. Lenhard,
of Maryland, to be a member of the Federal
Election Commission for a term expiring
April 30, 2011, vice Danny Lee McDonald,
term expired, which was sent to the Senate
on January 9, 2007.

David M. Mason,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Federal
Election Commission for a term expiring
April 30, 2009 (reappointment), which was
sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Submitted May 7

William Walter Wilkins III,
of South Carolina, to be U.S. Attorney for
the District of South Carolina for the term
of 4 years, vice Reginald I. Lloyd, resigned.

Submitted May 8

Glen E. Conrad,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Fourth Circuit, vice H. Emory Widener, re-
tired.

Donetta Davidson,
of Colorado, to be a member of the Election
Assistance Commission for a term expiring
December 12, 2011 (reappointment).

Rosemary E. Rodriguez,
of Colorado, to be a member of the Election
Assistance Commission for a term expiring
December 12, 2011 (reappointment).

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of
Other White House Announcements.

Released May 4

Advance text of the President's commence-
ment address at Greensburg High School in
Greensburg, KS

Released May 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy
Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster
assistance to Oklahoma

Released May 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Se-
cretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Rus-
sia-U.S. agreement for peaceful nuclear co-
operation

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing
that the President signed H.R. 4286

Released May 7

Transcript of a press briefing by National Se-
curity Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the
President's upcoming visit to the Middle East

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing
that the President signed H.R. 5715

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing
that the President signed H.R. 3196, H.R.
3468, H.R. 3532, H.R. 3720, H.R. 3803, H.R.